

(d) the action the Government would take against the Ranibennur Municipality in case the 18% grant earmarked for S.C. is not utilised for the purpose of which it was sanctioned?

SRI H.C. SRIKANTAIH (Minister for Municipal Administration).—

(a) The amount allotted for Scheduled Caste

1973-74	...	Rs, 6580-00
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1975-76	...	Rs. 5165-00
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1977-78	...	Rs. 26547-00
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(b) 1973-74, 1975-76, 1977-78—not spent.

1976-77	...	Rs. 23,362-00 The money has
1977-78	...	Rs. 29,500-00 been spent

(c) No

(d) The question of taking action does not arise, since the entire amount has been spent.

Building for Backward Classes and Minorities Hostel at Mangalore.

246 SRI B.V. KAKKILAYA(Vittal)—

Will the Minister for Law, Social Welfare and Backward Classes be pleased to state.—

(a) the number of students accommodated in the Men's Hostel for Backward Classes and Minorities in Mangalore;

(b) whether the Government are aware that the space and the facilities available at the hostel are inadequate;

(e) whether the Government have received representations to shift the hostel to the Government College Hostel Building at the Shedigur (Ashoknagar) which is lying vacant ever since its construction ;

(d) whether the Principal, Government College, Mangalore, has requested the Government that the above hostel building may be permitted to be used for running the Backward Classes and Minorities hostel ;

(e) whether the District Officer for Backward Classes and Minorities has also requested the Government to make the Government College Hostel Building available for housing the hostel for Backward Classes and Minorities ; and

(f) if so, the action the Government has taken in this regard;

SRI L.G. HAVANUR (Minister for Law, Social Welfare and Backward Classes).—

(a) During 1978-79, 82 students are admitted to the post-matric Boys Hostel at Mangalore.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes,

(e) Yes.

(f) The matter is under consideration,

MR. SPEAKER.—Now, I will take up the next item in the List of business.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

re : Scarcity of Drinking Water in Villages under Jurisdiction of Chief Engineer MI & PH, North-Zone

SRI G.B. SHANKAR RAO (Hirekerur).— I call the attention of the Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj to the scarcity of drinking water in the villages coming under the jurisdiction of Chief Engineer, MI and PHE, North Zone.

SRI K. PRABHAKAR (Hon. Minister for Rural Development and Panchayat Raj).— Sir, The Chief Engineer, M.I. and PHE(North), Dharwad, has stated that in North Zone covering the eight districts of Belgaum, Bijapur, Dharwad, Uttara Kannada, Raichur, Bellary, Gulbarga and Bidar, 9632 Bore Wells were sunk upto the end of 15-3-1979, from the inception of the programme, out of which 7639 borewells were successful. Hand pumps have been fixed to 5862 bore wells and power pumps to 260 bore wells upto the end of February 1979. Thus, in all 6122 bore wells have been fitted with hand pumps/power pumps in the North Zone. Thus 1517 bore wells have to be fitted with pumps, mainly hand pumps.

There were some difficulties in securing sufficient number of pump-sets at the lowest tendered rates. After fully considering all aspects, and in order to ensure that supplies are made available at the same rates, but from a larger number of suppliers, Government have issued necessary instructions to the Chief Engineer (North), Dharwad. The matter will be further pursued with a view to see that the installation of the remaining pumps is taken up and completed expeditiously.